

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination of the subject patent application in light of the present Amendment and Remarks is respectfully requested.

Remarks Regarding The Drawings

Applicant notes the Examiner's objection to the drawings. Accordingly, applicant includes herewith informal replacement sheets for Figs. 1 and 2. The radiating elements are clearly shown on one side of the substrate. The opposite side, which is the side having the ground plane, is now shown more clearly by showing the radiating segments 2 and 3 in a more three-dimensional way. The back side of the segments is the ground plane, which is shown by additional arrow 9 pointing to the back of the segments. Applicant believes that an additional figure showing the back view is unnecessary as one of ordinary skill in the art will understand the ground plane as shown and described. No new matter has been added.

Remarks Regarding The Claims

Claims 1-21 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-10 and 13-21 stand rejected and claims 11-12 are objected to. Claims 1, 9, and 10 have been canceled by this amendment and new claims 22-27 have been added.

Claims Objected To Which Would Be Allowable If Rewritten

The Examiner states that claims 11 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended dependent claim 11 to include the limitations of corresponding independent claim 1 and intervening dependent claims 9 and 10, as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant has also amended dependent claim 12 to include the limitations of corresponding independent claim 1 and intervening

dependent claims 9 and 10, as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims originally depending from rejected independent claim 1 have been amended to depend from the presently amended independent claim 11, which is now written in independent form and now believed to be allowable. New claims 22-27 are identical to the existing dependent claims and have been copied and modified to depend from now independent claim 12, and therefore are believed to be allowable.

Applicant submits that the above-described amending of the claims obviates the rejection under §§ 102 and 103.

Closing Remarks

For the foregoing reasons, applicant submits that the subject application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicits an early Notice of Allowance. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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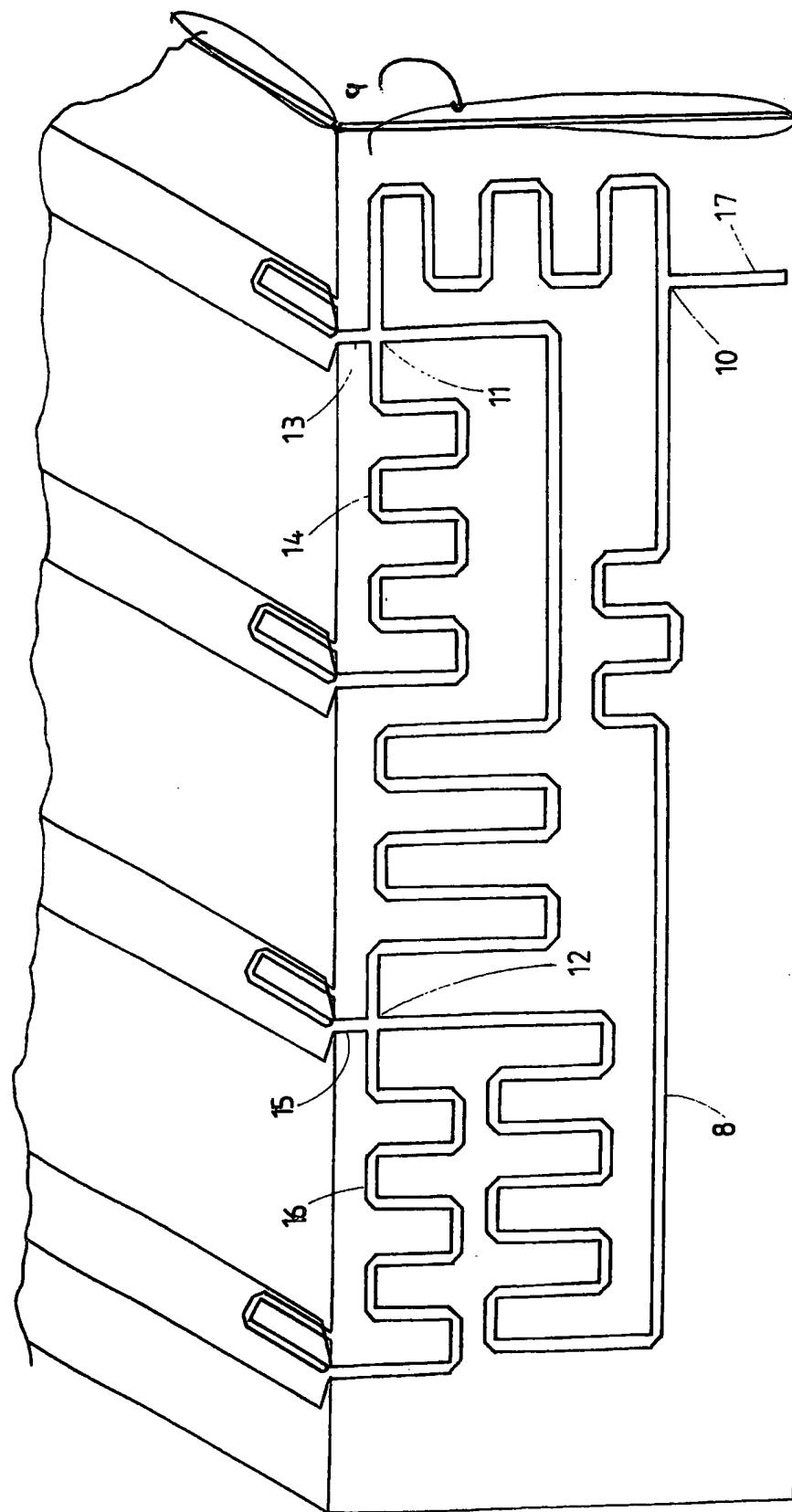


FIG. 2